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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - SECOND LINE OF SUMMARY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR

SUBJECT: COFFEE: INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

REF: LONDON 11890

1. SUMMARY: FIRST FEW DAYS OF ICO COFFEE COUNCIL PRODUCED NO DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS. PRODUCERS SEEMINGLY IN SOME DISSARRAY WITH CONSIDERABLE CONCERN CURRENT MARKET DOWNTURN.

2. COFFEE COUNCIL MET MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 16 AND RAPIDLY DISPOSED OF ROUTINE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA. ACTING CHAIRMAN (ESCALANTE OF COSTA RICA) NOTED EXECUTIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOARD HAD NOT YET REACHED DECISIONS ON ITS RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO: (1) EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT (WITHOUT ECONOMIC PROVISION); (2) NEGOTIATION OF A NEW AGREEMENT (WITH ECONOMIC PROVISIONS); AND (3) THE WORK PROGRAM FOR THE COMING COFFEE YEAR. ACCORDINGLY HE SUGGESTED THE COUNCIL POSTPONE ITS NEXT MEETING UNTIL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR FURTHER CAUCUSES BY PRODUCER AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES

AND FOR FORMULATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. PRODUCING COUNTRIES SCHEDULED CAUCUSES FOR SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17. CONSUMING COUNTRIES CAUCUSED AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 17. AT CONSUMER CAUCUS, MUSGROVE (CANADA) ELECTED AD INTERIM CHAIRMAN AND SPOKESMAN FOR CONSUMERS. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF EXTENSION, CONSUMERS COMMISSIONED CHAIRMAN TO INFORMALLY COMMUNICATE TO PRODUCER SPOKESMAN (N'DIA OF IVORY COAST) CONSUMER CONCERN WITH TIMING PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE EXTENSION, I.E. IF ICO WAITED UNTIL MAY 1975 TO EXTEND, SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE DIFFICULTY OBTAINING RATIFICATION OF EXTENSION BEFORE EXPIRATION OF AGREEMENT. CONSUMERS ALSO REQUESTED THEIR SPOKESMAN TO SOUND OUT PRODUCER CHAIRMAN ON PROGRESS AND THINKING OF PRODUCERS' CAUCUS.

4. EXECUTIVE BOARD MET MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 18 TO RESUME CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION AND RE-NEGOTIATIONS ISSUES. CHAIRMAN (BEHRENDT) OPENED MEETING BY REQUESTING REPORT ON PRODUCER MEETINGS. N'DIA (IVORY COAST) SAID PRODUCERS DISCUSSED PROBLEMS RELATING TO MARKETS AND PRODUCER RELATIONS WITH CONSUMERS BUT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR AGENDA. HE REQUESTED FURTHER TIME FOR PRODUCER DISCUSSIONS BEFORE BOARD CONSIDERED REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS AND INVITED CONSUMER SPOKESMAN TO REPORT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONSUMING GROUP. MUSGROVE REPLIED THAT CONSUMERS FELT THEY NEEDED A CLEARER IDEA OF PRODUCER POSITIONS BEFORE THEY COULD HAVE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS AND CALLED ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE PROBLEMS ON TIMING OF EXTENSION. MUSGROVE ALSO ASKED PRODUCERS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES ON THEIR PREFERENCES FOR THE FORM AND TIMING OF BOTH AN EXTENSION AND NEGOTIATION FOR A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW AGREEMENT.

5. BOARD MEETING ENDED WITH CHAIRMAN GRANTING PRODUCERS DELAY UNTIL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, TO FINALIZE THEIR POSITIONS. CHAIRMAN INSISTED FRIDAY WOULD DEFINITELY BE THE FINAL DATE. BRAZIL OBJECTED THAT CONSUMERS ALSO HAD THE OBLIGATION TO PRESENT THEIR IDEAS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT AND NOT JUST AWAIT THE INITIATIVES OF THE PRODUCERS. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION THE MEETING ADJOURNED UNTIL 10:30 A.M. FRIDAY AND PRODUCERS IMMEDIATELY CONTINUED THEIR CAUCUS.

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